

# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION

## CB 69-19 – SHORT SUMMARY POINTS

- **Forest Conservation Requirements**

- Priority Retention areas (requiring modification to disturb) expanded to include forest of 35 feet wide and 10,000 sq. ft., interior dwelling species habitat
- Retention thresholds increased from 15% to 20% for commercial and mixed uses areas larger than 5 ac, inside the PFA and outside a targeted growth area
- Reforestation ratios for clearing above the threshold ½:1
- Reforestation Ratios for clearing below the threshold remains 2:1

- **Modifications**

- Modification of Forest Conservation standards may be approved by DPZ
- Standard of review for modifications is finding of "unreasonable hardship" and additional criteria

- **In Lieu Fees**

- Afforestation and reforestation increased from \$0.40 to \$1.25 /sq. ft.
- Easement abandonment increased from \$1.25 to \$2.00/sq. ft.
- Non-compliance increased from \$1.20 to \$5.00/sq. ft.
- Fees for projects outside PFA or inside critical area higher

- **Grandfathering**

- Plan application on or before December 15, 2019